What is claimed is:

1.   A copying apparatus comprising:

an image input device that inputs an image signal

5 read from an original;

an additional information reading device that reads additional information from the inputted image signal;

a search device that carries out a search for an

10 original file corresponding to the original based on the read additional information;

a copy output device that outputs a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search by said search device;

15 a display device that displays the additional information;

an editing device that edits the displayed additional information; and

a controller that controls said search device to

20 carry out the search for the original file using the edited additional information.

2.   A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said controller determines that editing of the additional information by said editing device is

25 possible when the original file has not been found as a result of the search by said search device.

3.   A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1,

wherein said controller determines that the search for the original file by said search device is possible when editing of the additional information read from the inputted image signal is completed.

5   4.   A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the copying apparatus is connected to at least one information processing apparatus via a network or a communication line, and wherein said search device searches the at least one information processing 10 apparatus for the original file.

     5.   A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional information comprises electronic watermark information embedded in the original.

     6.   A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, 15 wherein the additional information comprises barcode information printed on the original.

     7.   A method of controlling a copying apparatus, comprising the steps of:

     inputting an image signal read from an original;

20   reading additional information from the inputted image signal;

     carrying out a search for an original file corresponding to the original based on the read additional information;

25   outputting a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search in said searching step;

displaying the additional information;

editing the displayed additional information; and

controlling the search for the original file to be carried out using the edited additional information in

5   said searching step.

8.   A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein it is determined in said controlling step that editing of the additional information in said editing step is possible when the original file has not been found as a result

10   of the search in said searching step.

9.   A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein it is determined in said controlling step that the search for the original file in said searching step is possible when editing of the additional information read from

15   the inputted image signal is completed.

10.   A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the copying apparatus is connected at least one information processing apparatus via a network or a communication line, and wherein in said searching step the at least

20   one information processing apparatus is searched for the original file.

11.   A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the additional information comprises electronic watermark information embedded in the original.

25   12.   A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the additional information comprises barcode information printed on the original.

13. A computer-readable program for causing a computer to execute a method of controlling a copying apparatus, comprising:

an image input module for inputting an image
5   signal read from an original;

an additional information reading module for reading additional information from the inputted image signal;

a search module for carrying out a search for an
10 original file corresponding to the original based on the read additional information;

a copy output module for outputting a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search by said search module;

15   a display module for displaying the additional information;

an editing module for editing the displayed additional information; and

a control module for controlling the search for
20 the original file to be carried out using the edited additional information by said search module.